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PETITION OF INDIANA NATURAL GAS )
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF GAS )
COST ADJUSTMENT TO BE APPLICABLE )
IN THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, AND JULY)
2004 PURSUANT TO I.C.8-1-2-42 PL43-1983 )

CAUSE NO. 37418-GCA 81

APPROVED:

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## **BY THE COMMISSION:**

Larry S. Landis, Commissioner Lorraine Hitz-Bradley, Administrative Law Judge

On February 16, 2004, Indiana Natural Gas Corporation ("Petitioner") filed its petition in this Cause for a gas cost adjustment for the months of May, June, and July 2004. The evidentiary hearing is scheduled for March 23, 2004. After reviewing the petition and the OUCC report, the presiding officer now finds that Petitioner should answer the following data requests by the date of hearing:

- 1. Schedule 1, Line 7. Estimated Cost of Gas to be Recovered differs by \$48,779 from the total estimated costs on Schedule 3. Please adjust these schedules in the future so the total Schedule 3 estimated costs flow to Schedule 1.
- 2. Schedule 6 (a,b,c), Line 7. Actual Incremental Cost of Gas Billed Excluding Gross Income Tax incorrectly uses a gross-up factor of 0.986 rather than the proper gross-up factor of 0.9847, which is used on Schedule 1, Line 27. This has a minor impact on the current GCA factor, but it should be addressed.
- 3. Schedule 15a, Lines 22 through 28 should be deleted due to the recent rate case. This has no impact on the proposed GCA 81 factor. GCA 82 should include GCAs 82 back through 62.
- 4. Schedule 18, Residential Bill Comparison, Table 2, Bills at Prior Year Factor are incorrectly calculated. These GCA 77 bills were incorrectly calculated by Petitioner in GCA 77 and the OUCC corrected them at that time. Our Order in GCA 77 reflected that correction.

- 5. What is Petitioner doing, in each case, to continue to communicate with and educate customers regarding (a) high prices and volatility of gas, and reasons for; and (b) need to take steps to weatherize homes/places of employment?
- 6. Is Petitioner exploring any solutions such as collaboration or resource sharing which could enable them to elevate their performance going forward?
- 7. Has Petitioner seen any kind of reduction in property taxes to offset the Utility Receipts Tax?

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Larry S. Landis/Commissioner

Lorraine Hitz-Bradley, Administrative Law Judge

Nancy E. Manley, Secretary to the Commission